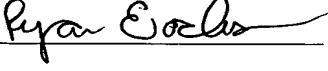


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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Sang-Hyeob Lee, Karl B. Levy, Aaron R. Fellis, Panya Wongsenakhum, Juwen Gao, Joshua Collins,  
Kaihan A. Ashtiani, Junghwhan Sung and Lana Hiului Chan**

For: **METHOD FOR REDUCING TUNGSTEN FILM ROUGHNESS AND IMPROVING STEP  
COVERAGE**

Assigned to : Novellus Systems, Inc.

This application is a  Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part

of prior Application No.: 09/975,074, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

**Application Elements:**



32 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract



8 Sheets of informal Drawings



Declaration - Unexecuted



Newly executed



Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).

The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is  
herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying  
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.



Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- Notice of Recordation of Assignment (copy from prior application)
- Power of Attorney
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
- Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)
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- Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- Priority of Application No. filed on  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
  - The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - The certified copy will follow.

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

- A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Amendments

- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This is a
  - Continuation  Continuation-in-part  Divisional
  - application of co-pending prior
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    - International Application filed on which designated the United States,the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference."
- Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (*At least one original independent claim must be retained.*)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

|        | (Col. 1)<br>Total Claims                              |       | (Col. 2)<br>Claims | (Col. 3)<br>Present Extra | Rate    | Additional Fee |
|--------|---|-------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------------|
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| INDEP. |   | MINUS | 3                  | = 0                       | x 84 =  |                |
|        | [ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim    |       |                    |                           | \$280 = |                |
|        | Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)             |       |                    |                           | \$750 = |                |
|        |   |       |                    |                           | TOTAL   |                |
|        | SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable) |       |                    |                           |         |                |

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP033X1).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP033X1).

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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION**  
**(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))**

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen (18) months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application **NOT** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: 8/26/03



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**NOTE:**

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications, eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).